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- Following his return from the Paris Peace Conference, Lucretiu Patrascanu, Rumanian Communist Minister of Justice, discussed the question of Soviet policy in Europe. Patrascanu based his remarks on conversations with Molotov, Vishinsky, and other members of the Russian delegation to the Peace Conference.
- According to Patrascanu, Soviet leaders believe that the United States will lose interest in Europe because of the difficulties created by the Russians. If the United States does not withdraw completely, she will ultimately accept the position of the Russians in Eastern Europe. Soviet leaders feel that the United States has already begun the creation of her true zones of interest and security outside Europe, in the Pacific, China, Japan, and Africa. They consider Great Britain too weak to resist the Russian political offensive in Europe.
- Seeing the road towards Soviet domination of Europe now open, Soviet leaders wish to obtain success without resort to force, by utilizing Russia's great prestige and the fact that the USSR is the only great power on the continent. Use will be made of communist parties in all European countries. According to Patrascanu, the Soviet delegates declared that all these communist parties fall under Russian control. They cited, as an example, the Italian communists of Trieste who in accordance with Soviet instructions would always follow Yugoslav desires.
- Patrascanu was told that the Russians had already secured the essentials of communization in their zone of Germany, but that they maintained a somewhat different surface appearance to deceive the British and Americans. They were determined to communize the Balkans and would continue their present Rumanian policy. The Russians also indicated their interest in a Yugoslav-Bulgarian federation.

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5. Patrascanu stated that the British and American Peace Conference delegations gave him the impression of having no decided views concerning the future of Europe. He regretted the absence of a strong policy since the Communist Party of his own country was thereby encouraged in its intransigence.
6. [REDACTED] Patrascanu in the past has been moderate in outlook and as a consequence has lost prestige within his party. He indicated, however, that shortly he will attempt to regain his earlier influence in Rumanian communist circles.

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